

REMARKS

In response to Communication dated December 12, 2003, Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment.

- Claims 1 – 40 and 50 - 65 were cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment
- Claims 41 – 44 were subject to Restriction Requirement and, as non-elected claims, were cancelled in the Amendment mailed on October 2, 2003
- Claims 45 – 48 were amended initially in the Amendment mailed on October 2, 2003
- Claims 49
- Claims 66 – 110 were initially introduced in the Amendment mailed October 2, 2003.

Independent claim 49 is still presented herewith. The Examiner classified this claim in Class 435, subclass 287.2, as are classified the elected claims 45 through 48. Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to reconsider the Restriction Requirement with respect to claim 49. Should the Examiner maintain this restriction, Applicants will cancel claim 49 in favor of a divisional application.

Independent claim 91 belongs to the same class and subclass as the elected claims 45 through 48 (i.e., Group II, including a flexible diaphragm). Therefore, all claims 66 through 110 are within the elected Group II.

For the reasons stated in the Amendments mailed on October 2, 2003, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding issue left, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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Respectfully submitted,

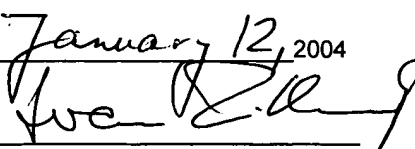


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